



**U.S. Representative
CAROLYN CHEEKS
KILPATRICK
D-13th Congressional District**



District: County of Wayne (part)

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Biography: Democrat, of Detroit; born June 25, 1945, at Detroit; attended Ferris State College and Western Michigan University; M.S., education administration, University of Michigan, 1977; teacher, Detroit public schools, 1970-1978; elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1978 and served in the legislature for 18 years before her election to Congress in November 1996; as a state representative, she was a Democratic Whip and served on the House Appropriations Committee (first African-American woman to serve on the committee); delegate to the 1980, 1984, and 1988 Democratic National Conventions; chairperson, Legislative Black Caucus, 1983-1984; member, "Your Children, Our Children" Resource Committee (a highly acclaimed television documentary) and the Detroit Substance Abuse Advisory Council; selected in 1984 to participate in Michigan African Trade Mission and visited several African countries; returned to Nairobi, Kenya in 1985 to participate in the United Nations International Women's Conference; in 1986, led an eleven-member delegation for the Michigan Department of Agriculture to Nairobi, Kenya to participate in Kenya's Agricultural Show; affiliated with the National Organization of 100 Black Women, National Black Caucus of State Legislators, and the National Order of Women Legislators; former vice-chairperson of the National Black Caucus of the State Legislators International Affairs Committee; member, Board of Trustees, Henry Ford Hospital; as a U.S. Representative, serves on the House Appropriations Committee, and the Financial Services and Homeland Security subcommittees. Representative Kilpatrick has two children, a son, Kwame, and a daughter, Ayanna. Kwame Kilpatrick was elected in 1996 to the Michigan House of Representatives and filled the seat his mother vacated. Kwame Kilpatrick went on to become Michigan's youngest-ever and first African-American State House Democratic Leader. In 2001, he was elected Mayor of Detroit. Representative Kilpatrick has been awarded the Anthony Wayne Award for Leadership from Wayne State University, the Distinguished Legislator Award from the University of Michigan, the Distinguished Alumni Award from Ferris State University, the Woman of the Year Award from Gentlemen of Wall Street, Inc., and the Burton Abercrombie Award from the 15th Democratic Congressional District. She is a member of the Oak Grove A.M.E. Church and is listed in *Who's Who in Black America*, *Who's Who in American Politics*, and was featured in the Detroit Historical Museum's exhibit, "Black Women in Michigan, 1785-1985." Currently serving in her seventh term, she was unanimously elected as the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus for the 110th Congress.

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